

Appl. No. : 10/637,450
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REMARKS

Claims 12, 13, and 19-26 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 14-18 and 31-33 are pending in this application. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14-18 and 31-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '801 in view of Urairi, or further in view of Gauthier or Narukawa. These claims have been canceled without prejudice, and thus, these rejections are moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12, 13, and 19-26 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the Applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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